

Assembly Bill No. 719

CHAPTER 918

An act to amend Section 3201 of the Elections Code, relating to elections.

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LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 719, Wiggins. Absentee voters.

Existing law authorizes a voter who has specified physical impairments or conditions to apply for permanent absent voter status.

This bill would additionally authorize a voter who is employed in a position that requires the voter to work shifts of 24 consecutive hours or more to apply for permanent absent voter status.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

SECTION 1. Section 3201 of the Elections Code is amended to read:

3201. (a) A voter who has any of the following impairments or conditions, or who meets any of the following criteria may apply for permanent absent voter status:

- (1) Has lost one or more limbs or the use of one or more limbs.
- (2) Has lost both hands or the use of both hands.
- (3) Is unable to move about without the aid of an assistant device (e.g., canes, crutches, walker, wheelchair).
- (4) Is suffering from lung disease, blindness, or cardiovascular disease.
- (5) Has a significant limitation in the use of the lower extremities.
- (6) Is suffering from a diagnosed disease or disorder that substantially impairs or interferes with his or her mobility.
- (7) Is employed in a position that requires the voter to work shifts of 24 consecutive hours or more.

(b) The following voters may also apply for permanent absent voter status:

- (1) A spouse who resides with, and is the primary caregiver to, a voter described in subdivision (a).
- (2) A nonspousal primary caregiver to a voter described in subdivision (a) who resides with the voter. As used in this subdivision, "nonspousal primary caregiver" means a blood relative or family



member related by marriage who has primary responsibility for the care of the voter.

(c) Application for permanent absent voter status shall be made in accordance with Section 3001. The voter or other person described in subdivision (b) shall complete an application, which shall be available from the county elections official, and shall contain all of the following:

- (1) Applicant's name at length.
- (2) Applicant's residence address.
- (3) Address where ballot is to be mailed, if different from the place of residence.
- (4) Information that establishes the applicant's right to permanent absent voter status.
- (5) The signature of the applicant.

